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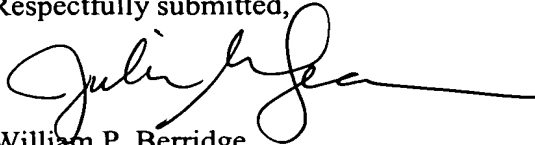
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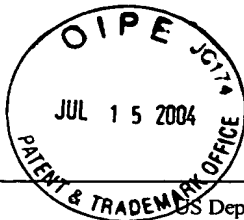
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	2	6,387,829	05/14/2002	Usenko et al.		
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	5	EP 1 302 985 A1	04/16/03	Europe		
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	6	U.S. Patent Application No. 10/684,874 to Aga et al., which published as US 2004/0063298 A1 on April 1, 2004 (above)				
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